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SUBJECT: LOS: POSSIBLE EFFORT INVITE PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN
LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE

REF: USUN 4378; STATE 216882

1. EMBOFF RAISED POSSIBLE PRG INVITATION TO LOS CON-
FERENCE WITH LEBANESE FONOFFICE NOV 5. LEGAL ADVISER
FATTAL (NUMBER THREE MAN IN FONOFFICE AND ALSO RE-
SPONSIBLE FOR LOS MATTERS) SAID HE AWARE OF PROBLEM
SINCE GHORRA HAD FORMWARDED DRAFT RES AND REQUESTED
INSTRUCTIONS. FATTAL SAID THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO ANY-
THING WHICH THREATENED INTERFERE WITH LOS CONFERENCE,
AND THAT HE RECOGNIZED SOUNDNESS OF USG LEGAL POSITION.
HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH FONMINISTER BUT
HE DOUBTED THAT GOL WOULD BE ABLE DO ANYTHING BUT GO
ALONG WITH OTHER ARAB STATES, GIVEN PREVAILING SITUATION
IN AREA. EMBOFF SAID WE FULLY UNDERSTAND LEBANON'S
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PROBLEMS AND APPRECIATE FATAL'S INTENTION DISCUSS

MATTER WITH FONMIN, NO MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN LEBANON'S PROBLEMS WITH OTHER ARABS
STEMMING FROM ITS NON-COMBATTANT ROLE, AND GIVEN STRONG
ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN MANY ARAB COUNTRIES, ANY
EFFORT AT HRAD SELL WITH LEBANESE WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE. BELIEVE FATTAL WILL SEEK SOLUTION SUCH AS
LEBANESE ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE IF OVERRIDING POLITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS PERMIT.
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